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CONFERENCE JUNE 1974

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1. DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SPOKE WITH ILO DIRECTOR BLANCHARD, WHO WAS IN NY LAST WEEK, AND HE STATED THAT ALTHOUGH HE WAS CONCERNED THAT ARAB-ISRAELI QUESTIONS SHOULD NOT DISRUPT PROCEEDINGS OF FORTHCOMING INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE, HE HAD NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING ARAB INTENTIONS.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS NO INFORMATION ON ARAB INTENTIONS FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE, BUT WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT REPORTS THE ISRAELI MFA HAS RECEIVED.

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3. ARAB EFFORTS AT 1973 CONFERENCE WERE DIRECTED TO PUTTING THROUGH THE RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ISRAEL FOR ALLEGED MISTREATMENT OF ARAB WORKERS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. IT WAS AFRICAN SUPPORT THAT ENABLED THE ARABS TO GET THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED IN COMMITTEE AND MOVED TO THE FLOOR OF THE PLENARY FOR FULL CONFERENCE DISCUSSION. SHOULD RESULTS OF THE ENERGY CRISIS WEAKEN ARAB-AFRICAN RELATIONS, THE ARABS MIGHT FACE A SUBSTANTIALLY LESS FAVORABLE SITUATION IN THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE THIS YEAR.

4. THE ANTI-ISRAELI RESOLUTION IN 1973 FOUNDERED IN PLENARY ON PROCEDURAL GROUNDS, AND WE EXPECT THAT THE ARABS WILL HAVE STUDIED THE BOOK CAREFULLY AND WILL NOT MAKE PROCEDURAL ERRORS SHOULD THEY LAUNCH ANOTHER ANTI-ISRAELI ACTION THIS YEAR. KISSINGER

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